

in Defense Department briefings. He then returned to Washington, DC.

The President declared a major disaster in Illinois and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding beginning on January 7 and continuing.

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### **Nominations Submitted to the Senate**

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The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

#### ***Submitted March 5***

James B. Cunningham,  
of New York, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Israel.

Kerry Kennedy,  
of New York, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the U.S. Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2011, vice Laurie Susan Fulton, term expired.

Ikram U. Khan,  
of Nevada, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the U.S. Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2009, vice Holly J. Burkhalter, term expired.

Stephen D. Krasner,  
of California, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the U.S. Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2011, vice Charles Edward Horner, term expired.

Alexander Passantino,  
of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor, vice Paul DeCamp.

Neil Suryakant Patel,  
of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, vice John M.R. Kneuer.

Donald Gene Teitelbaum,  
of Texas, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Ghana.

Frank Charles Urbancic, Jr.,  
of Indiana, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Cyprus.

J. Robinson West,  
of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the U.S. Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2011 (reappointment).

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### **Checklist of White House Press Releases**

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The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

#### ***Released March 1***

Transcript of a conference call press briefing by Office of National Drug Control Policy Director John P. Walters on the 2008 National Drug Control Strategy

Fact sheet: 2008 National Drug Control Strategy

#### ***Released March 3***

Transcript of a press gaggle by National Security Council Press Secretary Gordon Johndroe

#### ***Released March 4***

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dana Perino

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit of Prime Minister Kevin Rudd of Australia

***Released March 5***

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dana Perino

Fact sheet: Increasing Our Energy Security and Confronting Climate Change Through Investment in Renewable Technologies

National Economic Council Director Keith Hennessey

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Illinois

Fact sheet: Taking Responsible Action To Keep Our Economy Growing

***Released March 6***

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dana Perino

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed S. 2571

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**Acts Approved  
by the President**

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***Released March 7***

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dana Perino, Council of Economic Advisers Chairman Edward P. Lazear, and

***Approved March 6***

S. 2571 / Public Law 110–193

To make technical corrections to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act